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## 1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED TO BACKGROUND USE ONLY

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[REDACTED] INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF BLACK SHIELD

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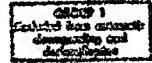
2. SUMMARY: BLACK SHIELD MISSION 6729, FLOWN ON 18 OCTOBER, MADE TWO PASSES OVER NORTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE. VIRTUALLY CLOUD-FREE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE WAS OBTAINED OF ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE HANOI AND HAIPHONG AREAS. ALL OF NORTH VIETNAM'S SIX PRINCIPAL AIRFIELDS, NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF THE SA-2 SITES, AND MOST OF THE RAILROAD NETWORK NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE WERE PHOTOGRAPHED. NO EVIDENCE OF SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DEPLOYMENT WAS NOTED.

3. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSES. TWO OF THE AIRFIELDS--PHUC YEN AND HANOI - GIA LAM--WERE OCCUPIED BY OPERATIONAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

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 AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD, 7-8 MIG-21S AND 6-9 MIG-15/17S WERE OBSERVED,  
 AND TWO AIRCRAFT NOSES COULD BE SEEN PROTRUDING FROM COVERED  
 REVETMENTS. AT HANOI - GIA LAM AIRFIELD, SIX MIG-15/17S AND TWO  
 PROBABLE U/MIG-15 TRAINERS WERE NOTED. THE AIR ORDER-OF-BATTLE  
 TOTAL DETECTED BY THIS MISSION WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE OFFICIAL  
 ESTIMATE WHICH, AT THAT TIME, WAS FIVE MIG-21S AND 18 MIG-15/17S.

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4. THE MISSION PHOTOGRAPHED 153 OF SOME 220 SA-2 SITES IN  
 NORTH VIETNAM. SIXTEEN OF THESE WERE OCCUPIED--INCLUDING ONE NEW  
 SITE, 119 UNOCCUPIED AND, AT 17 SITES, OCCUPANCY COULD NOT BE  
 DETERMINED. IN ADDITION, ONE SITE WAS OCCUPIED BY DUMMY SA-2  
 MISSILES.

5. NAVAL ORDER-OF-BATTLE. THE FOLLOWING NAVAL VESSELS WERE  
 PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA: THREE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASERS,  
 FOUR TO SIX SWATOW-CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS, AND EIGHT MOTOR TORPEDO  
 BOATS--SIX OF THE P-8 CLASS AND TWO OF THE P-4 CLASS.

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6. GOOD COVERAGE WAS OBTAINED OF MOST OF THE RAIL NETWORK NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE. THE MISSION COVERED 100 PERCENT OF THE HANOI-HAIPHONG AND HANOI-THAI NGUYEN-KEP RAIL LINES, 75 PERCENT OF THE HANOI-DONG DANG LINE, AND 65 PERCENT OF THE HANOI-LAO CAI LINE. THE PING HSIANG AND DONG DANG TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS ALONG THE CHINA BORDER WERE NOT COVERED.

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